

Northeast Area Association of Conservation Districts

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 11, 2005
TO: All Northeast Area Conservation Districts and Interested Persons
FROM: Stevens County Conservation District, 2005 Area Meeting Host

NOTICE OF FALL AREA MEETING

The 2005 Annual Fall Meeting for the Northeast Area Association of Conservation Districts will be held this year as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2005
TIME: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Chewelah Peak Learning Center, Chewelah WA

An Agenda for the meeting is attached.

Resolutions proposed for action at this year's meeting should be e-mailed to (Mark or Lisa) at the Stevens County Conservation District in advance of the meeting. Stevens County Conservation District will provide all copies needed for the meeting. Please be sure to use the attached resolution format.

Please bring one or two small items for door prizes at the Area Association meeting that represents your District or County.

Please RSVP no later than September 30, 2005, on the enclosed form, indicating your expected attendance at the meeting so we can plan for your participation. The cost for the day will be \$14 per person. Please send your prepayment with your RSVP and checks payable to Stevens County Conservation District. Any cancellations must be received by noon on October 4, 2005, to receive a refund. No refunds will be made after that time.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Please Note: This notice has been sent to all supervisors and associate supervisors within the Northeast Area Districts.

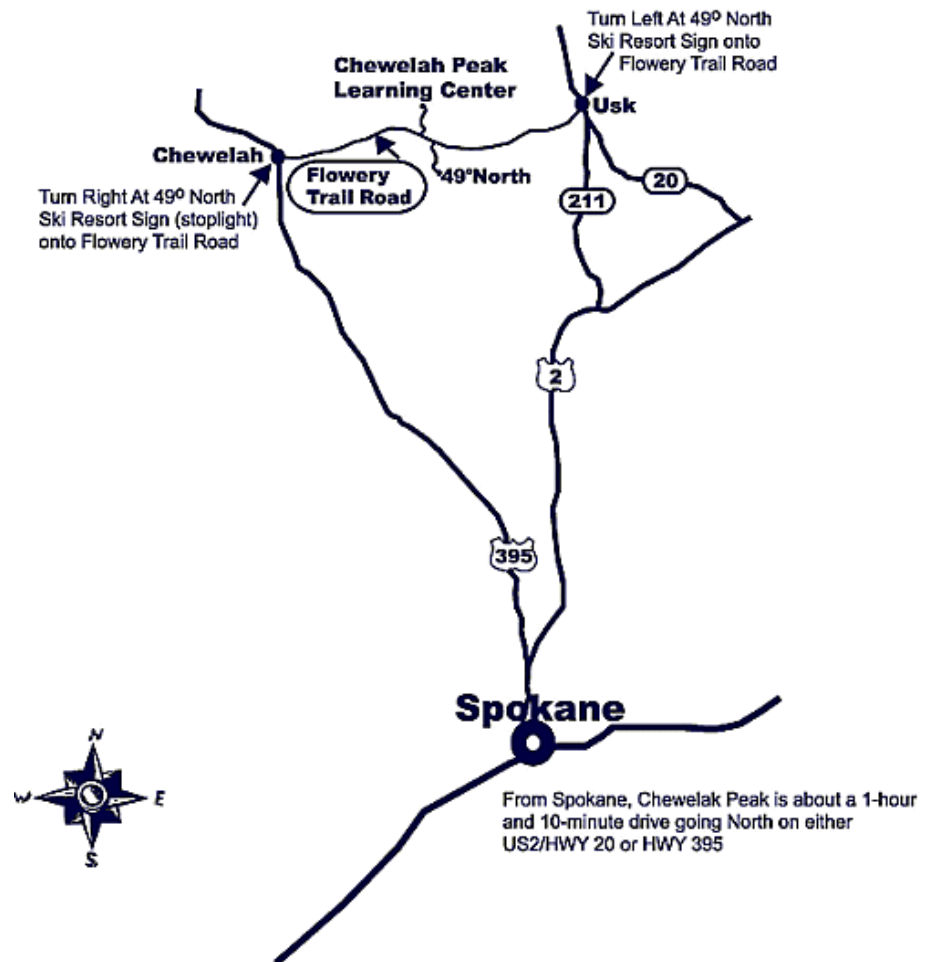
Sincerely,

Tom McKern, Chair
Stevens County Conservation District, Area Meeting Host

Directions



The Chewelah Peak Learning Center is located in Stevens County, near the 49 Degrees North ski property, east of the town of Chewelah. It is in forested and mountainous terrain and within a reasonable driving distance of most schools in eastern Washington.



Western access from Spokane – Take Hwy 395 North to Chewelah (42 miles). Turn right (East) at the stoplight onto E. Main Ave for 1/2 mile then turn left onto N. Ehorn Ln (1/8 mile), then turn right onto Flowery Trail Road. Follow for 10 miles to the top of the mountain. Just past the Flowery Trails neighborhood, turn left to the Learning Center.

Eastern access from Spokane – Take Hwy 2 toward Newport (28 miles) and turn left (North) on Hwy 211 toward Cusick/Metaline Falls (15 miles). At the stop sign for State Route 20 (Ione/Metaline Falls West) turn left and travel about 1/2 mile. Turn left onto McKenzie Road which becomes Flowery Trail Road. Follow for 18 miles to the top of the mountain. Just past the entrance to the 49° North Ski area, turn right to the Learning Center.

Area Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

AGENDA

8:30 am	Registration	
9:00 am	Welcome and Self Introductions Approve Minutes & Treasurer's Report	Tom McKern, Stevens CD, Chair
9:15 am	Commission Operations Report	Mark Clark, Executive Director
10:15 am	Coffee Break	
10:30 am	NRCS Report	NRCS
11:30 am	WACD Report	Paul Stoker President
12:00 pm	Break for Lunch ~ Catered By Chewelah Peak Learning Center ~	
1:00 pm	Area Directors Report (10 minutes each) ~ Ferry County Conservation District ~ Lincoln County Conservation District ~ Pend Oreille County Conservation District ~ Spokane County Conservation District ~ Stevens County Conservation District	
2:00 pm	Coffee Break	
2:15 pm	Area Business ~ Resolutions ~ Amendment of Area Articles and By-Laws ~ Election of Officers ~ Commission Member Nominations	Tom McKern
4:00 pm	Adjourn	Tom McKern

RSVP

Northeast Area Association Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

Hosted By
Stevens County Conservation District
At
Chewelah Peak Learning Center

Please help us make suitable arrangements for this meeting by letting us know if you plan to attend.

**We need to have your reservation by:
September 30, 2005**

Please Complete the Area Meeting RSVP form and mail it to
Stevens County Conservation District
Attn: Lisa VanQuekelberg
232 Williams Lake Road
Colville, WA 99114

Northeast Area Meeting RSVP

Names: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of persons we may expect: _____

X \$14.00

Total Enclosed: _____

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Title: Changes in procedure to remove area from a district, to dissolve a district, and concerning debts of a dissolved district.

Problem:

Current law is unclear concerning the procedure for areas such as municipalities to remove themselves from a conservation district. This has led to the claim that a municipality may remove itself from its district by a simple vote of the city council. The law needs to be clarified in this regard and needs to provide a more substantial process for the deannexation of areas from districts.

Additionally, recent lawsuits have suggested that in the event of the insolvency of a district, current law may only require that the district be dissolved for the Conservation Commission to become liable for the outstanding debt. This creates a risk to the Commission because current law only requires a petition of 100 land occupiers to require an election to dissolve a district. There needs to be a change in the law to assure that districts may not be so easily dissolved and to protect Conservation Commission (and district) funds from depletion through possible litigation.

Recommendation:

WACD should support legislative action to clarify that removal of territory such as a municipality from a district requires a more substantial process for deannexation than just a vote of the city council.

WACD should support legislative action to increase the requirements for the dissolution of a district and to remove the liability of the Conservation Commission for the debts of dissolved districts.

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